addition, to take care of the special needs of the children who would be withdrawn from work from these two occupations, Children/Shelter Homes set up under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000 would also be utilized. In addition, Childline, an emergency toll free helpline under the Ministry of Women and Child Development, would be used to provide immediate help to these children.

Selling of children from 'Bal Sudhar Grih'

†*71. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether incidents of giving on hire/selling of children from 'Bal Sudhar Grih' (Children Reform Homes) have come to the notice of Government;

(b) if so, the details therefor;

(c) whether Government would make arrangements for monitoring activities of 'Bal Sudhar Grihs'; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) Bal Sudhar Grih (Children Reform Homes) are regulated under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000. As and when, any violation of the Act comes to the notice of the Government, the matter is referred to the concerned State Government/UT administration for appropriate action. One such case about the possibility of children being given on hire/selling from such institutions has been referred to the Government of NCT of Delhi for appropriate action as per the law.

(c) and (d) Arrangements for monitoring activities of homes under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000 are as under:

(i) Section 34 provides for registration of all Institutions for children in need of care and protection, whether run by the State Government or by Voluntary Organizations by the State Government.

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(ii) Section 35 provides for State Government to appoint Inspection Committees for Children Homes for the State.

(iii) Section 36 provides for social audit for the purpose of monitoring and evaluation of the functioning of Children Homes.

(iv) Section 62 provides for constitution of Advisory Boards for advising the Government on matters relating to, *inter alia*, establishment and maintenance of homes.

(v) Section 62 A provides for every State Government to constitute a Child Protection Unit for the State as well as for every District for ensuring the implementation of the Act.

The Government of India also continuously pursues with the State Governments for proper implementation of the Act.

Population of Backward Classes and SCs/STs

†*72. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the 55th Report of NSSO, the population of Backward Classes was assessed as 34.5 per cent in 1999-2000;

(b) if not, the facts thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that in the 61st Report of the said organization, the population of Backward Classes during 2004-05 has been indicated as 41 per cent;

(d) if so, the facts thereof;

(e) whether it is also a fact that in the above-mentioned Reports, the said organization did not mention any increase in the population of SCs and STs; and

(f) if so, the facts thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT(SHRIMATI MEIRA KUMAR) : (a) to (d) According to the surveys conducted by the NSSO in its 55th round (1999-2000) and

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